

# 2026 Good Shepherd Parish Townhall Meeting

## Notes

### Discussion Questions from Town Hall

#### Pastoral Council:

- What qualities do you hope to see in our next Pastor?
- What do you look for in Parish lay leadership (Councils, Commissions, Committees, etc)?

#### Formation:

- What do you appreciate about CF offerings at GS?
- Do you have any other ideas of how Formation can support you to grow in your faith?

#### Human Concerns:

- How can Human Concerns commission help you live out your discipleship? What do you need?

#### Prayer and Worship

- Take a moment to reflect on or share your time and talent contribution(s) to Good Shepherd Church.
- How does your presence at church in whatever capacity (member of the assembly, liturgical minister, choir member, usher, etc.) enhance your spiritual life experience?

#### Stewardship

- Knowing that Stewardship means living a life of gratitude and service to God, share things you can do to support Good Shepherd parish, and God's purpose for the world?

### Pastoral Council Discussion:

- New Pastor:
  - Like Minded, good for the parish
  - Not too rigid, Not too political, speaking out!
  - Fit the personality of our parish / Continuing things that are really going good.
  - Don't try to change too much? (Progressive rather than traditional) "That's why we chose Good Shepherd
  - Continue Vatican 2 approach
  - Avoid trend to conservancy
  - Open and receptive
  - Continue vibrancy
  - Accept the spirit of the church
  - Qualities same shared values as Good Shepherd espouses
  - Sense of humor
  - Good Homilist
  - Caring
  - Someone willing to listen to others opinions.
  - Will this pastor share responsibilities with other parishes?
  - Progressive – not going backwards
  - Listens to others' opinions
  - Open to Change
  - Friendly and outgoing, connects with people

- Open, accepting, respectful
- Inclusive
- Sense of Humor
- Shepherding – spiritual guidance. Love and care for others
- Good Homilist
- Creative
- Use of technology
- Good with kids
- Relatable
- Varied background – bring something new to us, challenge us
- Involved with all aspects
- Doesn't come in with an agenda
- Educational
- Has time for others to come to him and wants to listen to what people think
- Understanding how married life and family life affects our spirituality
- Lay Leadership
  - Involve others also. Don't continue in one position only.
  - Allow others to replace individuals
  - Term limits
  - Have photos posted in dining area or entrance of current members

## Christian Formation Discussion

- Great (This member said they are not involved) but see the growth and more active for the youth.
- Doubters and Seekers: We used to have something like that but it is not here.
- A place to discuss doubt / Skeptical ideas. Helps you discern your skeptical beliefs.
- More opportunities in the evenings/ non work hours for Adult Formation -
- with babysitting offered to get more younger families to attend
- zoom offerings
- Like the following programs
- Listen to the Lord
- Confirmation
- In the Spotlight

## Human Concerns Discussion

- Good commission (Can be involved a lot / little but if you do something like provide toys or a food box, you know you are still helping out someone in need.
- "Meals for the Sick" Do we still do that? Sick parishoners??

## Prayer and Worship Discussion

- Excited about Vibrancy. It is beautiful
- Kids: Listen to the lord, "Light of the world!" With the flashlights. A parishioner thought that was good and very nice.
- Kids are involved
- Protect Vibrancy
- Kids who are getting confirmed maybe they could call shut ins or elderly at homes and strike up conversations. Build a relationship that way with different generations.
- Very impressed with the increased vibrancy of the choir.
- Suggest periodic youth mass
- Lively community in church
- New parishioners have experienced their pew neighbors introducing themselves on Sundays
- The welcoming environment -greeters at mass
- Hand sanitizers are too close to the Eucharistic station
- Bring more youth involvement during mass
- Eucharistic ministers?
- Great job on Vibrancy
- How does your presence at church enhance your spiritual life?
  - Lively community in church
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## Stewardship Discussion

- One table didn't get to this discussion question
- Promote progress, especially youth

## Christian Formation

- Currently good
- Attach a name to an activity
- Attach a face that leads the activity
- Place in Narthex or dining area
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## Human Concerns:

- Empty
- Do they have a ministry for home visits?
- Prayers with the homebound?
- Do we have a ministry to help others with things like:
  - Shoveling
  - Shopping
  - Basic chores

## Suggestions/Other topics

- In the bulletin: the land we occupy, send a note about the Menomonee tribe land recognizing that and the native american heritage?
- Policy for publishing events for the parish? Upcoming events, meetings, etc.)
  - Address by recommending to see Brian Ramsey (Contact him)
- Times for people to attend / Know what topics for people to attend
  - Addressed by Deacon Sandy and Greg Goss
- Need more volunteers for commissions and council
  - -We need to ask people directly, not just ask for volunteers.
- Need for a printed book on commissions and their functions showing volunteer opportunities.
- Inclusivity is an important part of our spiritual life This needs to continue with a new pastor, in our small groups, homilies and petition
- Commissions invite people to get more involved at weekly masses in announcements
- Have teenagers, once a month, do all the reading, greeters, cantors, etc.
- Keep asking at mass if there are any visitors
- Can Commissions do updates?
  - Would help with more understanding of their specific ministries
  - For example – someone questioned which commission the Garden Committee fell under
- More communication overall for events that are happening, especially the week of. And when things start and end.
- Are we sure that Bryan Ramsey will be assigned to Good Shepherd once ordained?

- Deacon Sandy has helped us draw new membership and increase the vibrancy of the mass
  - lively music, good homilies, inclusiveness, etc., while maintaining quality traditions
- Can we gather donations for Prisons/Prisoners?
  - Books, letters, etc
- Can we have a dishwasher installed in the kitchen area so we could use more regular cups instead of Plastic/Paper/Styrofoam cups?
- If we are getting a new directory, can we add a section that has the parishioners talents and interests?